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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Please stop AT&T from taking away access to critical unbundled network elements. We have had Sonic here in San Francisco for about two years and love it. We currently have both broadband and phone with Sonic. No issues, and even with a simple question, it's answered right away. Their customer service is seamless. THEY ANSWER THE PHONE - a real live person!

Broadband is critical to our connection to home, school and business. I used to have AT&T and SWORE I would never have them again. The service was horrible (and forget about EVER getting anyone to talk to you). As soon as my contract was up I cancelled.

Isn't the 1996 Telecommunications Act supposed to work by enabling competitive market entry and encouraging new fiber network deployment?

Please DO NOT cave to AT&T/USTelecom. Sonic needs access to these unbundled network elements. This technology allowed Sonic to grow, expand fiber deployment, backhaul those deployments, and complete. If this access is lost, Sonic and, therefore customers, will incur higher rates, less fiber deployment and less options.

With all that's bad in the world, please do what's right in this instance. Sonic has made a HUGE difference for many.

With my sincere appreciation,

Bonnie McFarland